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repair 8,000 kilometers of roadbeds, and has built or repaired 2,320 large and small bridges, culverts, and protective walls. At present, under the control of the Northeast Highway Bureau, there are 109 operative highways (excluding Jehol Province), totaling more than 9,000 kilometers. According to May 1950 data, during the 1½ years prior to that month, a total of 1,400,000 passengers and 176,000 tons of freight were transported over these highways.

In Southwest China, as of September 1950, there were 17,500 kilometers of state and provincial highways, of which about 80 percent were passable. When this area was liberated, most of these highways, including 105 bridges totaling 3,000 meters were severely damaged by the Nationalists. Reconstruction was begun immediately, and by June 1950, data showed that 93 bridges on state highways, totaling 1,700 meters, and 143 bridges on provincial highways, were completely repaired. With the restoration of highways, the transportation industry was revived and the amount of passenger and freight carried by the state-owned transportation companies in July 1950 increased about 3 times over that of February 1950. Privately owned transportation companies with government help, also returned to normal operational condition. At present, there are more than 1,000 trucks and buses operated by these companies and they are they are transporting from two to three times as much cargo as in May 1950.

REPAIR AND BUILD ROADS IN HUAI HO VALLEY -- Ho-fei, Huan-pei Jih-pao, 31 Oct 50

Ho-fei, Anhwei -- To provide facilities for the transportation of the materials and supplies needed for the Huai Ho regulation project, the Northern Anhwei Relief and Huai Ho Regulation Headquarters, in addition to ordering the repair of existing roads in the affected region, has decided upon the construction of the following roads:

1. Liu-an--Shou-hsien--Cheng-yang-kuan road. This will connect with the Fou-yang--Cheng-yang-kuan road and become the main north-south trunk highway in this part of the Huai Ho valley. Length 136 kilometers.
2. Pang-fou- Fou-yang road. This will be the principal eastwest road north of this section of the river. Length 171 kilometers.
3. Su-hsien--Ssu-hsien--Wu-ho road. This road will connect the Su-hsien Special District with water transport on the Huai Ho at Wu-ho. Length 146 kilometers.
4. Fou-yang--Ying-shang--Cheng-yang-kuan road. This road will connect the Fou-yang Special District with water transport at Cheng-yang-kuan. Length 91 kilometers. This will require a large amount of work on the restoration of dikes destroyed in last summer's flood.

The total length of these four roads, whose construction is of urgent importance, is 543 kilometers. The most important of the existing roads to be reconditioned is that from Ho-fei to Liu-an.

SHANTUNG RAISES BUS FARES -- Tsinan, Ta-chung Jih-pao, 1 Nov 50

Tsinan -- In view of the increase of operating costs varying from 30 to 100 percent for different items, (a large Dodge tire which cost 4,700,000 yuan on 18 May 1950 now costs 9,975,000), the Shantung Provincial Transportation Company, beginning 1 November 1950, has increased by approximately 30 percent its charges for transportation throughout the province.

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Examples of the new charges are as follows:

<u>Fuel</u>	<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Load</u>	<u>Rate of Charges</u> (yuan)
Gasoline	Coaches	Passengers	280 per person per km
Charcoal	Coaches	"	250 " " " "
Gasoline	Trucks	"	250 " " " "
Charcoal	Trucks	"	200 " " " "
/No data/	Coaches	Passengers, baggage	4.00 per kg per km
/No data/	Trucks	Passengers, baggage	3.50 " " " "

<u>Class of Freight</u>	<u>By Gas Trucks</u> (yuan)	<u>By Charcoal Trucks</u> (yuan)	<u>Rate of Charges</u>
1st	3,500	2,500	per km per ton
2d	3,900	2,800	" " " "
3d	4,400	3,100	" " " "
4th	4,900	3,500	" " " "

The charge for ferrying across a river is 54,400 yuan per vehicle per crossing. The Tsinan local bus fares, beginning 1 November 1950, are set as follows: from 12 Wei Lu to the Provincial Yamen plaza 900 yuan, instead of 700; for any one fare zone, 500 yuan instead of 400; and from Tsinan City to Lo-k'ou (the Yellow River Railway bridge crossing) 900 yuan.

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